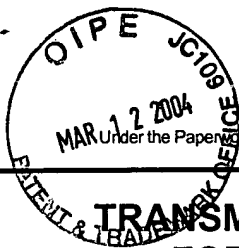


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
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**Remarks** begin on page 8.

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